



The Voice of the People – All the News that Fits

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## **BRENTWOOD LIBRARIAN #1 IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library is pleased to announce that Heather Lindsay, Youth Librarian, has been named Children's Librarian of the Year for 2019! Heather was chosen by the Children's Librarians of New Hampshire (CLNH), a division of the New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA).

Heather was selected from among a large number of peer nominees. In addition to our nomination letter, her social media posts factored into winning this honor as well. The CLNH committee chair follows our library's posts and felt Heather was the best candidate because of the innovative ideas she is creating and sharing.

"Heather is new to our library (employed since August 2018), but not new to libraries on the Seacoast. She exhibits a passion for providing quality service to children and young adults evidenced by the number of programs she has developed.

From the start, Heather began cleaning up and updating the collection, reorganizing the children's room to make it a sensory-friendly area for children who struggle with sensory overload, adding a significant number of programs for youth of all ages, and reaching out to various organizations to increase the number of attendees at programs. She listens to the needs of the community and tries new things based on patron input.

A townwide Google calendar has been spearheaded by Heather in order to reduce the amount of overlap in programming. Eight organizations were invited to the first meeting and all sent representation. This is a work in progress, but we are off to a great start.

We were gifted a 3D printer by our Friends of the Library

group and Heather set it up, teaches classes in its use, and assisted with policy development for the use of the machine. Patrons of all ages have shown interest and it has become a great talking point for awareness around other STEAM programs.

Heather has collaborated with representatives from the high school, a local teen center, the recreation center, Boys and Girl Scout troops, and the Junior American Citizens, to name a few.



Above: Heather Lindsay shares a story with her biggest fans.

Left: Joyce Keegal, Heather, Rachel Mowbray, and Katie Coppola, president of the Friends of the Library, participate in one of Brentwood Library's fun summer activities.

Our website, brentwoodlibrary.org was completely reworked by Heather, creating a more modern feel and one that has been favorably commented on by many.

All of these things were accomplished in a 9 month period of time, an impressive feat in my opinion!"

We are so proud of the things Heather has contributed to our small and mighty library and look forward to new ideas and programs coming with her creativity and forward-thinking. Our library is truly a community center and we are so happy to have Heather on our team!

Janice Wiers, Library Director, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

# **Brentwood**Newsletter

Town of Brentwood www.brentwoodnh.gov

### **TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR**

(603) 642-6400 ext 113/114 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Tuesday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

(603) 642-6400 ext 110 Fax: 642-6310 Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

#### **BRENTWOOD POLICE**

Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: (603) 642-8817

#### **BRENTWOOD FIRE**

Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: (603) 642-8132

### MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

(603) 642-3355 brentwoodlibrary@comcast.net www.brentwoodlibrary.org Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

(603) 642-6400 ext 116 Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(603) 642-6400 ext. 120 Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm recreation@brentwoodnh.gov www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

## **SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL**

(603) 642-3487

Swasey on the Web: scs.sau16.org SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

Submissions for the following month must be received by the 15th. Send your news to

Email: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

## **Recycling Pickup Dates**

November 12 & 13 • November 26 & 27

Waste Tonnage Figures	August	September	
Tons, mixed solid waste	103.69	95.35	
Tons, recycled goods	26.91 (26%)	40.20 (29%)	

Trash and recycling in November will be collected on your regular day. All recycling needs to be rinsed, clean, and loose in a barrel.

### Selectmen's Meeting Schedule (September through April)

The Board of Selectmen meet every Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the Cross Room of the Town Office. The public is welcome to attend. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement.

To watch previously recorded selectmen meetings go to: vimeo.com/user97247702. If you prefer to catch them live, tune in on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm: tinyurl.com/yxl5bb36.

### Talk to a Selectman

The Talk to a Selectman open hours have been popular and are a great way to share your thoughts with the officials who run our town. Through the fall and winter season, a Selectman will be available the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Town Offices. Stop in and say hello.

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Karen Clement, Town Administrator

## **Town Clerk Notes**

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed **Monday, November 11** for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving.
- Did you know that you can pay your vehicle, trailer, or dog registrations online? You can even pay your property taxes online! Visit brentwoodnh.gov and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.
- · We accept CASH, CHECK (made out to the Town of Brentwood), or CREDIT CARDS for all payments at the town office! \*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* A debit card is processed as a credit card only if the card has a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or AMEX logo present. There are additional convenience fees to cover the cost of the credit card fees (2.79%) with a \$1.50 minimum). These fees go directly to our third party processor and are not retained by the Town. Convenience fees cannot be refunded.
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to provide HUNTING/FISHING licenses and register BOATS, OHRV.
- NH state law requires you to register dogs (RSA 466:1 Procuring License; Tag). You can obtain a copy of this law at the Town Clerk's Office.

## Dog license fees for 2019

\$10.00 for an unneutered/unspayed dog \$7.50 for a neutered/spayed dog \$7.50 for a puppy (up to 7 months old)

\$3.00 on the first dog for a senior resident.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## Thank You to the October Newsletter Crew

Thank You to all the volunteers who came to help fold the last edition: Anne Marie, Becky Betty, Carole, David, Doug, Joe, Joyce, Ken, Monica, Olivia, Phyllis, Tracy, and Robin.

If you would like to join the Newsletter crew on a folding night, send us an email and you'll be notified of the next folding party: <a href="mailto:brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com">brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com</a>.

## **BRENTWOOD CHURCH NEWS**

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 201 North Road

Sunday Worship Services begin at 10:00 am.

**November 2**, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm – The newly expanded **CHRISTMAS FAIR** will include an on-site luncheon and unique, handmade Thanksgiving and Christmas Centerpieces, jewelry, and many white elephant items. Contact Lois DeYoung, Ladies Circle President for more information, loisdeyoung@comcast.net (603) 498-0002.

- Each Monday evening at 6:30 pm we will host a dance/exercise class, Step Up With Heather. This class is open to the public, is for all ages, and for people in varying stages of conditioning. The cost is \$5.00 for each hour-long session. It's a great way to meet new friends and get your groove back.
- Tuesday, November 5th, we a Movie Matinee in our newly remodeled library, beginning at 2:00 pm. Movie Matinee is open to all on the first Tuesday of each month. There is no cost
- Eating disorders can be devastating. On the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of each month we offer support for family members or others affected. The LovED Ones are available to help those struggling. Come and share your struggle with those who have struggled as well. Sessions begin at **6:30 pm** and are free. A trained psychologist will be on hand to listen and help.
- Our weekly Bible study will continue **each Wednesday** evening of the month as we make our way through the Gospel of John. All are welcome as we look deeply into God's word to find greater meaning for our lives.

## PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BRENTWOOD-KINGSTON, 197 Middle Road (Route 111A)

**Nov 4** – Peace and Justice Movie Night at the MEB Library.

**Nov 10** – Community Breakfast. Bring your favorite Veteran to a wonderful Breakfast Buffet: eggs, pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, homemade bread and baked goods, fresh fruit cup.

Nov 14 - New Night in November! Transitions Support Group.

Nov 16 – Turkey Supper. Join us at 5:00 pm for a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Advance tickets are \$12/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. Tickets at the door (space available) \$15/adults, \$7/children. All proceeds to benefit the wider missions of Pilgrim UCC Church.

Nov 21 – 3rd Thursday Faith Formation focusing on Gratitude.

**Nov 22** – Hampstead Congregational Church. Memorial Service honoring those who have died from an overdose, 7:00 pm.

**Nov 23** – Book Group, 8:30 am.

**Nov 27** – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service with combined choir at the Church on the Plains in Kingston, 7:00 pm.

#### **Every Week**

Every Monday 7:00 pm Men's AA Meeting (Closed)

Every Wednesday 7:30 pm Al Anon (Open)

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Every Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Every Friday 10:00 am Community Discussion Group

Every other Sunday 5:00 pm Girl Scouts

## **GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL – 263 Route 125**

**Nov 2 – Brentwood Farmers Market,** 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Inside Austin17 House.

**Nov 16** – Healing Rooms Ministry, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We are here to pray for you with compassion and love for physical, emotional, and spiritual health. All are welcome. Healing Room Ministries is open on the third Saturday monthly.

Prophetic Empowerment Conference. November 22 and 23 beginning at 6:30 pm. November 24 beginning at 10:00 am. All sessions are open to the public. Saturday Night Work Shop & Activation: \$25 Registration (Saturday only). You may register on line at www.gracemi.org.

Guest Speaker Dr. Bruce Cook from Lakebay, Washington, together with Senior Pastor Allen Cook of Grace Ministries offer this Prophetic Empowerment Conference as a corporate equipping of the church! This is a call to gather the body of Christ to release prophetic vision for this new season. We have seen the powerful impact of a prophetic word spoken and how it can change the hearts and lives of people because it imparts love and hope for the future. Come and join us this weekend at Grace Ministries and be Empowered.

For more information go to www.gracemi.org. We are looking forward to Praying for God's healing for you!

## Weekly Classes at Grace, 6:30 pm

Monday Ladies Group
Wednesday Prophetic Class
Thursday Men's Group

Sally's Hope meets every Mon & Wed at 9:00 am for Ladies

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH – 200 Pleasant Street, Epping

St. Joseph holds weekday masses at the following times:

Monday 8:00 am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, and 6:00 pm

For additional information, see our website: stjosepheppingnh.com

**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, December 13th, 6:30 pm.** The Peach Project will be presenting "A Grass Roots Christmas Variety Show." The Peach Project is run by ten-year-old Georgia Merrill. Stay tuned for more information in the December Newsletter.

## GEORGE GILMAN RECEIVES BOSTON POST CANE

The Boston Post Cane was started in 1909 by the *Boston Post Newspaper*. Its intent was for the Selectmen to present it to the oldest resident in our town.



Top left: George Gilman receives the Boston Post Cane. Seated with him is his wife Theresa. Standing, left to right, are Brentwood Selectmen Phyllis Thompson and Bill Faria with County Home Administrator Steve Woods. Group photo graciously provided by Kathleen Bailey. Photo of Laurel Farms Dairy bottles provided by Albert Belanger.



This year, the cane was presented to George Gilman. George was born in Milford, Massachusetts on February 18, 1927, son of George and Laurel Gilman. George joined the Navy in WWII from 1943 to 1945 and participated in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines.

After the service, George moved to Brentwood with his parents and brother, Lindy. They started Laurel Farm Dairy where the family processed dairy products. George was a hard worker, producing seven days-a-week and, in the harshest of weather conditions, made deliveries to stores, restaurants, and schools. He was president of the New Hampshire Milk Dealers Association. For many years, he delivered ice cream to his customers, until he retired from the dairy farming industry.

George liked skiing, was a season ticket holder to the New England Patriots and attended many Patriots games. At one point, George even won tickets to the Super Bowl and went to several Superbowl games, as well.

For many years, George enjoyed going for breakfast at Gerry's in Exeter and to chat with some of his friends. In the afternoon, George would often go to Dunkin' Donuts, where he initially struck up a conversation with two or three other gentlemen and this eventually blossomed into a group of eight or nine.

But most of all, George has been a good husband and is thankful to his loving wife Theresa.

Bill Dunham & Phyllis Thompson

## Thoughts and Prayers Sent Out to Our Dear Neighbor

**George Urling Gilman, Jr.,** of Brentwood, born February 18, 1927, passed quietly Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the Exeter Hospital, after a long and full life. He was 92.

George served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was the owner of Laurel Farms Dairy in Brentwood, until his retirement in 2000. He also served as a past president of the National Dairy Association. He was an avid fan of the New England Patriots, and a season ticket holder since 1962.

He is predeceased by his brother Lyndon Robert Gilman, his step children, Anthony Renzzulla and Darlene Renzzulla. He is survived by his wife Theresa, sons George "Buster" Gilman and wife Diane of Nottingham, NH, Bill Gilman and wife Deb of Alton, NH, Greg Gilman and wife Julie of Exeter, NH and daughter Deb Sylvain and husband Norman of Surry NH. He had several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Burial with Military Honors was held on October 26, 2019 at the Exeter Cemetery.

## With Our Deepest Sympathy



Nancy J. Maynard, 83, passed away on September 27, 2019 at Exeter Hospital. She was born July 16, 1936 in Exeter, daughter of the late William J. Camirand and Laura E. (Gingras) Camirand.

Nancy grew up in Exeter and had one brother William Camirand. She graduated from Robinson Female Seminary and later married Chester J.

Maynard on September 21, 1954. They resided in Brentwood for many years and had five children.

Nancy worked hard at taking care of her family and later was employed in Epping as a shoe worker. Nancy also did shoe work out of her house and offered daycare for local children.

Nancy loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and happily shared His love with others. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Brentwood. At the church, she served as deacon for two years, was in the Ladies Circle, was Missions Leader and wrote greeting cards to members of the church. Nancy enjoyed knitting with the girls at the Brentwood Library. She was also a member of the Brentwood Seniors and the Brentwood Historical Society.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was predeceased by her husband, her brother, and grandson Gary Jr. She is survived by her five children and spouses, son, Chester J. Maynard Jr. and Linda of LA; son, Paul A. Maynard and Patty of NV; daughter, Pauline Lewis and Blue of IL; son, Gary D. Maynard and Pam of SC; son, William J. Maynard and Vilma of NH; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a niece; and nephews.



Mark Stevens, 64, of Brentwood, NH, died on September 17, 2019 after a brief illness. Born in Exeter on December 24, 1954, Mark was the son of Lawrence Stevens and Luella Stevens Lewis. He spent his childhood and young adult life working at the family dairy farm, Red Gate Farm, in Kingston, where he developed the famous Stevens family work ethic that he carried throughout

his life. He graduated from Sanborn High School and the University of NH Thompson School of Agriculture. When Red Gate Farm (now Memories Ice Cream) was sold in 1984, Mark started his career as a truck driver with MS Trucking and hauled lumber and gravel for many area businesses. For the past seventeen years, he owned Mark Stevens Pool Water and brought joy to many Seacoast Area families by filling their swimming pools for summer fun. In 1991, Mark married the love of his life, Donna, who worked with him and helped him run the business. Donna was by his side through the years, and especially during his last illness. Mark was called a big "Teddy bear." His strong physique and large presence belied his warmth and sensitivity. Mark had a kind and generous heart. He loved and was loved by his large extended family and countless friends. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were his greatest pride and joy. Mark was predeceased by his infant daughter Andrea in 1976 and his father Larry Stevens in 2009. He is survived by his family who love him dearly: his loving wife Donna Stevens of Brentwood; his mother, Luella Lewis of Englewood, FL; his children, Angela Stevens of Brentwood, Nichole Gauthier of Cumming, GA, Amanda Day (Grayson) of Kingsland, GA, and Christopher Stevens of Greenfield, MA; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters, Gail Tibbetts of Brentwood, and Mary Berry of Jacksonville, FL; and four brothers, James Stevens of Kingston, Brian Stevens (Tammy) of Exeter, Jeffrey Stevens (Penny) of Knox, ME, and Christopher Stevens (Mary) of Kittery, ME. Mark is also survived by his uncle Alan Stevens (Marylou) of Kingston, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Please be kind to everyone you know in Mark's memory.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Do you have an important milestone you'd like included in the Brentwood Newsletter? A marriage, birth, university graduation or milestone anniversary? Please send your announcements – and photos – to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

## **Brentwood Seeks New Town Treasurer**

The Town of Brentwood is seeking applications from qualified candidates to serve as the next Town Treasurer. The Town Treasurer is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. This is a part-time position (8-10 hours per week) and attendance at Selectmen's meetings is required. The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing and managing the receipts, disbursements, and reconciliation of the general fund and several concentration accounts, bond applications, and investments. Interested candidates, please email a letter of interest and resume to Jonathan Ellis at treasurer@brentwoodnh.gov.

### **Brentwood Cemetery Trustees**

The Cemetery Trustees will meet on **Thursday, November 7**, at 5:00 pm in the Sanborn Room at the Town Office. If you are interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, please contact Phyllis Thompson at 642-8896.

#### Talk with a Selectmen

The Talk to a Selectman open hours have been popular and are a great way to share your thoughts with the officials who run our town. Through the fall and winter season, a Selectman will be available the 3rd Wednesday of each month, **November 20**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

#### **Brentwood Democrats**

Please join us at the next Brentwood Democratic Committee meeting and check us out on Facebook at: Brentwood NH Democratic Committee. We get together the second Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be **November 12th**, 7:00 pm, at 70 Haigh Road.

## **Brentwood Republicans**

The Brentwood Republicans will gather **Wednesday, November 13th,** 7:00 pm, at 105 South Crawley Falls Road. We have an exciting agenda and all Brentwood residents are welcome to attend. Call or text Thad Riley with any questions at 603-397-9211.



## Brentwood Honors All Our Veterans

Please join us in honoring all of the men and women who have served our country in times of peace as well as in war.

Thursday, November 7, 2019
Program: 7:00 p.m.
Mary E. Bartlett Library
22 Dalton Poard

Veterans (and family members of Veterans who cannot be with us), please RSVP by Monday, November 4th. Contact:
Julie Morrow at
julielynnford@yahoo.com
or 517-927-4686.

Bring the family; light refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Everyone Plays a Part Remember, Honor, Teach

Wreaths Across America is coming back to Brentwood for a 3rd year! Our National Remembrance Ceremony for this year's Wreaths Across America will tentatively take place on **Saturday**, **December 14** at noon at Tonry Cemetery on Middle Road. Time and location of our ceremony will be officially announced closer to the date as it is weather dependent. Please consider participating now by donating for a wreath to be placed on each of our veteran's (and first responder's) gravesites during our event. Online donations can be made via: <a href="https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/nh0020">www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/nh0020</a>. Please use this direct link to make your donation as we only receive credit for those donations made to this link. See Joyce Keegal for cash and/or check donations. Gravesite specific donations will be accepted. All donations must be submitted by **December 2nd**.

Our goal is 205 wreaths, with approximately 135 in Tonry alone, and the rest going to our other 8 town cemeteries. Wreaths are \$15 each, but if you buy 2, we will get a 3rd free when you use the above link or with your cash/check donation. We will receive our seven ceremonial wreaths free thanks to a donation via WAA.

Flyers are posted at town hall and a display with more information is at the library. Any civic/town/community group/organization or resident who would like to assist/volunteer or otherwise participate in this event, or if you have questions and want to know more, see Joyce Keegal at the library (Tues & Thurs afternoons) or at the Town Office (Mon & Fri most of the day). Joyce can also be reached via email: bwoodnhcem@gmail.com.

Veterans, their families and friends are encouraged and welcome to attend this meaningful event!

## **Brentwood Police Department**

This past month all sworn members of the Brentwood Police Department took part in our continual training program to ensure our community has the best prepared officers possible. Training was primarily handson focusing on defensive tactics techniques, handcuffing, Taser re-certification, and a review of our use of force standard operating procedures. We also toured the Swasey School to confirm our knowledge of the interior of the building in the event of an emergency. It was challenging, strenuous, and highly useful training for preparing our Officers for serving the Town of Brentwood.

## **Brentwood Fire Department**

The Brentwood Fire & Rescue Department is accepting applications for qualified personnel interested in participating in its live-in program. This program is primarily intended for students attending college in New Hampshire, however individuals 18 or older with required qualifications may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. If accepted into the program you will be provided rooming in exchange for firefighting and emergency medical duties.

Go to www.brentwoodnh.gov and click on the Fire Department link for a complete description of the program. To apply, please print and complete the application and return it to the Brentwood Fire Station at 419 Middle Road (Route 111A), Brentwood NH, 03833, Attention: Chief Joseph Bird.

#### Call Log Numbers

2017 - BFD responded to 765 emergency calls, an increase of 10.5% from the previous year.

2018 - BFD responded to 728 emergency calls, which is down 4.8% as compared to 2017.

2019 - BFD responded to 421 emergency calls as of the end of August.

## Brentwood Gardeners Will Create Topiary Trees in November

The Brentwood Gardeners will gather for their November meeting on **Tuesday, November 19th** at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room of the Pilgrim Church UCC. The focus this evening will be a workshop on making small topiary Christmas trees, led by Torie Freeman. Members should plan to bring plant clippers and small decorations. A reminder notice will be sent, along with instructions for any other materials not mentioned here.

The Gardeners invite everyone with an interest in gardens to join us. As we always say, we're not a group of "fancy" gardeners. We just do what we can with our country gardens, sharing our love of working in the soil and growing beautiful things, along with a lot of laughs and fun. Meetings are generally on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, held at the Pilgrim Church Fellowship Room, 197 Middle Road. For more information please contact one of the co-presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-8748, torielfreeman1@gmail.com or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534, lindarou@comcast.net.

Linda Rousseau

## November Documentary at the Library

**Monday, November 4th,** 7:00 pm. The Peace and Justice Committee will be screening *Plastic China,* in which the camera follows a sampling of the lives of two families working together to recycle plastics. It's not as grubby as you might think and the focus is on the children, who make a happy life out of building forts and designing collages. We plan to have a discussant afterward who can help us understand the future of plastic waste in our country.

Emily Schmalzer

## Living in Times of Transition and Uncertainty

The only true constant in life is change and yet, few of us truly embrace change. Our lives are full of change and transition; each new phase presenting us with unique challenges and opportunities to grow. Sometimes change can feel like loss. Divorce is a change that can feel like loss; the loss of a job also is a change we experience.

Walking with parents as they age or 'aging in place' is both a change and a transition that carries with it loss. Many of us are walking this path of aging ourselves or being a witness to our loved ones aging. It is a difficult journey we are on.

We, Dick and Tara, wish to continue to provide an opportunity for folks who are experiencing all of these kinds of transitions in life a time to get together and share with each other the ups and downs, ins and outs that happen. This is not therapy or counseling, it is a group of caring friends who gather in confidence.

YOU...are WELCOME...whether you have lost a loved one, are personally dealing with aging, or caring for a loved one who is.

Our monthly meeting for any folks from Brentwood and surrounding communities as well as Pilgrim Church members meets on the second (2nd) Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please join us.

Dick Chamberlain & Rev. Tara K. Olsen Allen

## **Charitable Contributions**

On October 16, the Regional Associations Committee held a public hearing and presented an application for funding developed after researching how Rockingham County and other towns evaluate funding requests. A new application process will go into effect for budget year 2020. All organizations receiving funds in previous years have been informed of the new process. The Committee will meet November 6 to establish guidelines for determining which organizations will receive funding.

## **Swasey Central School**

Hello Readers! Keep up on all Swasey activities by visiting our school website https://sites.google.com/sau16.org/swasey-central-school. We have frequent updates and information on everything Swasey!

If you have any questions about our school please feel free to contact me in the office at (603) 642-3487.

Ron Kew, Principal, Swasey Central School

#### **Important Dates**

Nov 4	Brentwood School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, SCS
Nov 5	Teacher In Service - No School Day
Nov 6	Early Release
Nov 11	No School - Veterans Day
Nov 19	PFG Meeting, 6:30 pm, SCS Library
Nov 20	Picture Retake Day
Nov 26	Grandfriend's Hour
Nov 27, 28 & 29	Thanksgiving Break

## **Scouting News**

## Girl Scout Troop #51211

Brentwood Girl Scout Troop #51211 is working to earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award, which is an award for the whole troop to earn and is the highest award that a Girl Scout Junior can attain. Our project is to install a flagpole and pollinator garden at the Brentwood Recreation Center because the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts have some of their events there, the sports teams play there, and some of the voting is there and we feel that it is important for there to be a flag there too! We have earned \$1,000 from our Cookie sales and our goal is to raise an additional \$1,500 to complete our project. We are doing a 50/50 raffle to raise some of this money. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 25 for \$20. Tickets will be available for purchase until **Tuesday, November 12th.** We will draw our winner on Wednesday, November 13th. Contact our Troop leader, Mrs. Kathleen Kelley (kathynoonankelley@yahoo.com or 603-856-4788) to purchase tickets. Thank you for your support!

Submitted by Abby Herrick, Brentwood Girl Scout

#### **Cub Scouts**

Calling all future Cub Scouts! Registration is open for boys and girls (K through 5th) interested in joining Brentwood Pack 192. Scouts serve their community, learn valuable skills, help others, and have a lot of fun along the way. Find out more about Cub Scouts in your community at beascout.org. If you are interested in joining Pack 192, please email brentwoodpack192@gmail.com.

Amv Brown, for Brentwood Pack 192



## New Table For the Town

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the students from the Seacoast School of Technology Building Construction class and their instructor, Jim Klingensmith, who built a custom 12 foot table for the town of Brentwood.

The table was constructed in the Spring of 2019 by students Kyle Boccelli, Jake Burd, Patrick Higgins, Peyton MacDougall, Hunter Madore, Adison Stifter and Martin Wallem. This table was the first foray into furniture making for the students. The special feature of this piece is that it opens and closes depending on the type of meeting being held and the number of participants. It's versatile and useful for many different purposes.

The cherry wood was generously donated by Bruce Stevens and Highland Hardwoods, and the finishing coat was expertly applied by Advanced Custom Cabinets, both of Brentwood.

Next time you're at the Brentwood Town Office, stop in to see this wonderful new addition.

Liz Faria

## Sportsmen of Brentwood

A group of local men and women have joined to form the Sportsmen of Brentwood. Our mission is promotion and protection of hunting, fishing, and trapping as well as the conservation of and access to fish and wildlife habitat. If you like our mission, join our group by emailing your name, address, and phone number to us at Pres.SOBNH@gmail.com! Search for us on Facebook and request to join our group there too!

## Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

Happy Fall, y'all! As of this writing, the Boo Bash/Scarecrow Festival has not been held. We would like to thank current sponsors: Bayside Distributing, Tony LeClerc State Farm Insurance, First Choice Canine and Brentwood Teachers Association. We will update this list to recognize all the businesses who supported this community event and announce scarecrow winners next month.

This month we will highlight the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (in Dover). The Friends pay an annual fee of \$300 to provide patrons with passes good for reduced admission for 4 people. The Children's Museum of NH is an easily-accessible location appropriate for preschool and school-age children. With all the days off from school this month, you'll have plenty of opportunities to explore the multi-sensory, interactive exhibits. It's probably been about a year since I've looked at their website and there are a TON of new and updated exhibits. If it's been a while since you've visited, you may find some changes too. (Not to worry, kids, the beloved Post Office is still there!) It would be worthwhile to check their website for the myriad of programs and services offered, even if not covered by our passes. You'll find information for home school programs, Alzheimer's Cafe and special sessions for families of children with autism. Weather permitting,

check out the Dover Adventure Playground while you're there.

## Get your calendars out! We've got some fun events coming up!

- ★ The Basement Bookstore will be open Saturdays, November 9th and November 23rd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- ★ The Friends will be hosting our ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR from NOVEMBER 21st THROUGH CHRISTMAS. We are happy to provide local crafters an opportunity to sell their wares, understanding that the Friends keep 25% to give back to the library for special book purchases. Stop by the library for a packet and sign up for a set up time or contact Sue for more information (volunteer@friendsofmeblibrary.org). Patrons will be able to do their holiday shopping and support local friends (and Friends)! There are always items appropriate for hostess gifts, Yankee Swap gifts, and gifts for the hard-to-shop-for people on your list.
- Santa will be visiting Saturday, December 14 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Did you know your donations to the Friends enable us to host Santa each year? Bring your camera/phone and we'll help you take a family picture. Check out the crafts upstairs while you visit Santa, then be sure to head to the basement for children's crafts and browse the Basement Bookstore. In the spirit of giving, kindly bring a non-perishable item to donate to a local food bank.
- ★ The Friends have arranged for the American Red Cross to hold a Blood Drive in the basement on Thursday, December 9th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. All donors will get a special Holiday long sleeve ARC shirt! We will have the Basement Bookstore open for at least part of that time.
- ★ Our next meeting will be **Monday**, **November 18th** at 6:00 pm in the basement. Please consider joining us.

Finally, the Friends are in search of a 6-7 foot pre-lit artificial Christmas tree. If you have one in working order you'd like to donate, please contact Katie at Kcoppola@friendsofmeblibrary.org.

Jessica Paul, Secretary for The Friends

"It was only a sunny smile, and little it cost in the giving, but like morning light it scattered the night and made the day worth living."

~F. Scott Fitzgerald

## MARY E. BARTLETT MEMORIAL LIBRAR

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS **IN NOVEMBER** 

Monday 11/11 - Closed for Veterans Day Wednesday 11/27 - Closing early, time to be announced Thursday 11/28 & Friday 11/29 - Closed for Thanksgiving

DROP IN SOCIAL CRAFTING MON. 11/4 FROM 4-8PM Bring a project - paper crafts, needle arts, drawing, etc - hang out and get inspired by other crafty types. Snacks will be supplied.

PEACE AND JUSTICE MON. 11/4 @ 7PM Movie and discussion about social issues. Topic to be determined. No registration is needed.

DONUT APPRECIATION DAY DROP IN TUES, 11/5

It's National Donut Day! Drop in to decorate and munch on a donut between 9am and 5pm. No registration needed, while supplies last.

SILENT BOOK CLUB TUESDAYS @ 4:30PM

Life gets hectic and sometimes you just want to sit down with a good book. Well, we can be your place. Join our weekly Silent Book Club and come in for an hour of uninterrupted reading.

ANIME CLUB WED. 11/6 & TUES. 11/12 @ 3:30 PM (GRADES 6+) Join us to watch the first episode of "Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood", have themed snacks, and chat with other anime/manga enthusiasts! Please register!

SHUT UP & WRITE WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM Join us for an hour of focused writing each week following the format created by organization "Shut up & Write". All projects are welcome. Please register at the library or on meetup.com.

WORLD KINDNESS DAY **DROP IN WED. 11/13**  Stop in during the day to help us make pet toys for a local shelter. If you are able to bring in other goods like old towels, blankets, or pet food, we will collect and deliver!

**PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATION** THURS. 11/14 @6:30PM Meet author and public speaking coach Linda Ugelow at the library for some how-to's on public speaking. No registration.

BRENTWOOD BOOKERS MON. 11/18 @ 6:30PM

Meet to discuss this month's selection: "What Alice Forgot" by Moriarty. Please note the new day and time for this event.

CALDECOTT **ILLUSTRATOR VISIT** WED. 11/20 @ 6PM

Beth Krommes, 2008 illustrator for Caldecott winner "The House In the Night" will discuss and demonstrate her process, answer questions, and do an illustration activity with us. She will have art and items on sale. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the M.E.B. Library.

**DIY MINI APPLE PIE** DROP IN THUR, 11/21 Come make a mini apple pie at the Library then bring it home and to bake! No registration required, while supplies last.

SPEAKING FOR WILDLIFE THURS. 11/21 @ 6:30PM

Katherine Ineson of the UNH Cooperative Extension will come to enlighten us on the nature of bats.

сооквоок **BOOK CLUB** MON. 11/25 @ 7PM

This month's theme: FALL FLAVORS! Interpret as you will and choose a recipe to match, then create enough to share at the meeting. Please register.

**TECH TUTOR** BY APPOINTMENT

Have a tech question you need some help with? Call or stop in to set up an appointment with Heather!

DIGITAL BOOK CLUB ON GOODREADS.COM

Join our online book club on Goodreads.com! Log in, then search for the "M.E.B. Lib. N.H.- Digital Book Club" group. Vote and join the discussion. Books will be available at the library.

**BRENTWOOD NEEDLE ARTS TUESDAYS 1-3ISH** 

Knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, or do something else in the comfort of the library surrounded by other needle artists. All are welcome! No registration needed.

NANOWRIMO COME WRITE IN LOCATION

Are you taking on the Nanowrimo challenge? Well, we're here to support you! We're a registered "Come Write In location", we host weekly writing groups and are starting a Camp Nanowrimo for the month.

November 2019

## **Opinion** [*uh*-**pin**-y*uh*n]

## noun – a personal view, attitude, or appraisal

The CNN Insider, Cary Poarch, who worked with Project Veritas said, "I just want us to have a free and fair election." Which is why he wanted to expose what he saw as bias, but there is a movement to make a National Popular Vote Compact which is also quite dangerous to the future of the country. The reason why New Hampshire has so many candidates come to the state is because NH is a swing state and because of our first in the nation primary. We have set ourselves up to be influential, in spite of our smaller population than a lot of other states. The National Popular Vote Compact tries to do a run around Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution by having states agree to commit their Electoral College votes to the result of the national popular vote instead of trying to amend the Constitution to get rid of the Electoral College. There is an effort to do it this way because a constitutional amendment for that would not pass. HB541 is a bill to join the compact and will change NH from a battleground state into insignificance. The compact goes into effect when they get enough electoral votes to win. States with 196 electoral votes have already signed on so they just need states with 74 electoral votes to agree and then the United States electoral landscape would change forever.

National Popular Vote would change campaigns by moving campaign money and stops to where they could get the most people seeing the ads and attending the campaign stops. Money and time would go to New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Washington, Miami, Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Boston. The politicians would be focusing on issues in cities while rural America would be left out which could create a rift and could lead to large parts of the country being disaffected. The worst case would be leading to a civil war or breakup of the US into multiple countries.

The Electoral College requires that a range of states with different characteristics are battlegrounds for votes, while popular vote just leads to dense population centers dictating the policy for rural America. It is quite possible that before the 2024 election the National Popular Vote Compact will go into effect and strip rural America and New Hampshire specifically from being influential in Presidential elections which is why I think a vote for HB541 is a vote against New Hampshire's interests and may hasten the end of this great union.

State Representative Josh Yokela District 33 (Floterial), Representing Brentwood, Fremont, Danville

I hope all the residents of Brentwood have received the good news of the biennial budget being passed in September. The passage confirms \$478,683 in property tax relief to the Town of Brentwood. The money will take the form of municipal aid and increases in education funding. I am proud of the legislature's work in sticking to our priorities of supporting education and bringing much needed tax relief to our communities.

Legislative sessions will begin again in January 2020. Until then, I will be working on retained bills in the Environment and Agriculture Committee. I've been appointed to several other study committees/commissions as well. These are opportunities for legislators to work in small groups and spend time discussing issues or potential remedies to pressing concerns of the state. I am particularly interested in committees studying solid waste and recycling, school funding, mental health, and drinking water quality. Here is a full listing of the 2019 Study and Statutory Committees: http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/

These meetings allow for true bipartisanship and cooperation. I've been appointed to the Committee to Study Ways to Improve Civic Engagement in New Hampshire, HB 429. The significance of my appointment to this committee is not lost on me, as the Brentwood Newsletter exemplifies the need for cooperation and non-partisan civic engagement. This Study Committee passed unanimously out of the Election Law Committee and in February,

2019 was voted on the Consent Calendar in House Session. The bill simply states, 'The committee shall review current levels of civic engagement in New Hampshire, measured by factors such as voter turnout, voter awareness, and volunteerism, and develop recommendations for improving those levels in New Hampshire moving forward.' The committee is evenly made up of democrats and republicans from both the House and the Senate.

We are so lucky in our state to have so many organizations working to support our citizens, advocating and relaying facts and figures they have researched. Our work to date has included presentations by: The Department of Education - identifying youth and adult education opportunities and requirements, The NH YMCA - Youth and Government Programs, The NH Historical Society – The Democracy Project and Moose on the Loose: Social Studies for Granite State Kids, Citizens Count – information, opinion exchange and ways to connect with elected officials, The Institute for Civics Education - research to improve the quality and quantity of civics education experiences, New Futures - advocacy training and extended learning opportunities programs for high school students.

As a committee member, I am pleased to see so many professional, research, and non profit organizations working toward a goal of civil discourse and community participation. We, as legislators, plan to work to make access to the NH.gov website easier to navigate, and easier to track bills of

interest; the more informed the electorate, the more likely they will communicate with their Representatives and the more likely they are to vote. We hope to promote programs which can be measured and implemented through our education system, participation in local services and state government, ultimately increasing voter turnout.

And speaking of education, I look forward to seeing the Swasey School 4th grade class on their annual visit to the State House and celebrate what might be their first introduction to the process of participatory government. To me, this study committee and the success we hope to have, will produce fourth grade youngsters who visit the State House, already knowing much about the process. Our education system and community resources can then build on that knowledge throughout their years in school with the overall goal of creating informed voters.

I look forward to being involved with this process through the eyes of my own town, hopefully having a positive impact in the years to come on voter awareness, participation, and discourse in our community.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Brentwood. I love this job! Liz.mcconnell@leg.state.nh.us

The *Newsletter* regrets not having space to run all opinion pieces submitted each month. Please remember to keep your opinions polite.

## **Brentwood Recreation News**

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm 603-642-6400 ext. 120 • recreation@brentwoodnh.gov www.brentwoodnh.gov/recreation

SENIORS: The November Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 20th. Meeting starts at 11:00 am. This month's theme is Thanksgiving, please bring a side dish, Turkey will be catered.

Save the Date: December's luncheon will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month December 11th. Any questions please call the Rec Department.

SIP AND SIGN: Friday, November 1st, 6:30pm, Brentwood Community Center. Enjoy some social time with friends, family or co-workers, while creating your own sign with the help of our wonderful instructor, Patricia Hussey. No experience necessary. All painting supplies are provided. Feel free to bring your favorite sipping beverage (soda, coffee or even wine). \$40-65/person. Register online or by calling the Recreation Office.

YOUTH BASKETBALL: (K-8th grade) Coaches meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6th, 6:30 pm at the Rec Center. Practices start in November and games will start on the first weekend in December. Schedules will be on the recreation website. Please call the recreation office if you have any questions about youth basketball.

MEN'S 30+ PICK-UP BASKETBALL: Registrations for Men's 30+ Basketball are now open. Location: Talbot Gym (Tuck Learning Center) 30 Linden St. Exeter, NH. Times: 7:30-9:30 pm. Fee: \$20 per player. Bring a light and dark jersey/shirt to create teams.

CALLS FROM THE NORTH POLE: With the help of our good friends at the North Pole, your child has an opportunity to speak with Santa this holiday season! Santa is happy to call your child(s) December 7th or the 8th between 5:30 and 7:00 pm, to wish them a Merry Christmas. This is free, but please register your child by email or phone with the Recreation Office no later than Thursday, December 5th. We'll need name, age and number you wish Santa to call.

**ICE RINK:** We will build an ice rink for the community again this winter. If you'd like to join our subcommittee, please contact the Rec Dept.

**SENIOR & TEEN TRIPS:** Brentwood Recreation has recently acquired a new van and we are looking to expand on some new programs and trips. Starting in 2020 there will be bi-monthly trips for seniors and teens to different locations of interest around the state. If anyone would like to volunteer or has any recommendations for future trips please contact the Recreation Department.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS/PROGRAMS: Starting in 2020, Brentwood Recreation will be starting a new after school program. Brentwood Rec is looking to hire 2-3 counselors. Anyone who is interested in helping with the after-school program, please contact Recreation Director Andrew Gray. Details about the after-school program will follow. Please contact the Recreation Department with questions.

### ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Adult Yoga Class: Brentwood Community Center. Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500, to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. www.letsgetmovin.com.

Yoga Movement For Seniors FREE: Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Tang Soo Do Classes: Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8:00 pm. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application, or pick one up at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department.

#### HAVE A GOOD IDEA FOR A NEW PROGRAM?!

The Recreation Department is always looking for new instructors/programs to implement. If you believe your program/event idea would be beneficial to our community, please, contact the Recreation Department. It is simple to get a program started, all you need to do is let us know!

For information regarding programs, field rentals, or building rentals, please contact the Recreation Office at 603-642-6400 x120 or email Andrew Gray at recreation@brentwoodnh.gov.

### WANT TO BE A SPONSOR?

Sponsors help us create and offer affordable, quality programs. If you or your business would like to become a sponsor for the Brentwood Recreation Department, please contact the Recreation Director for more information.

## Do you have an item you are looking for? Have something you'd like to give away?

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French Provincial style bedroom armoire. This is a solid, custom built piece from the early 1960s. It has double doors at the top with shallow drawers and cubby spaces and two deep drawers below. Contact brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com for more info.

## **Brentwood Meeting Dates**

Be sure to check the individual organization articles inside for many more activites and dates!

Nov 2	CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, First Baptist Church, 201 North Road, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm	
Nov 4	Brentwood School Board Meeting, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm	<u> </u>
Nov 5	Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm	_
Nov 7	Brentwood Honors All Veterans Program, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 7:00 pm	N
Nov 7	Planning Board Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm	
Nov 7	Cemetery Trustees Meeting, Town Office, 5:00 pm	
Nov 9	Basement Bookstore Open, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 10:00 am to noon	
Nov 11	Town Offices & Library will be closed for Veterans Day	
Nov 12	Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm	
Nov 12	Living in Times of Transition, Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road, 6:30 pm	Th
Nov 12	Brentwood Democratic Meeting, 70 Haigh Road, 7:00 pm	(
Nov 13	Conservation Commission Meeting, Town Office Building, 7:00 pm	
Nov 13	Brentwood Republican Meeting, 105 Crawley Falls Road, 7:00 pm	
Nov 18	Friends of the Library Meeting, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm	
Nov 18	Library Trustees Meeting, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 6:00 pm	
Nov 19	Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm	
Nov 19	PFG Meeting, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm	
Nov 19	Brentwood Gardeners Meeting, Pilgrim Church 197 Middle Road, 7:00 pm	19
Nov 20	Talk to a Selectman, Town Office Building, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	2
Nov 20	Senior Luncheon, Brentwood Recreation Center, 11:00 am	
Nov 21	Planning Board Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm	
Nov 21	Friends of the Library ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library (thru Christma	as)
Nov 23	Basement Bookstore Open, Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library, 10:00 am to noon	
Nov 26	Board of Selectmen Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm	
Nov 26	Recreation Commission Meeting, Town Office Building, 6:30 pm	
Nov 28-29	Town Offices & Library will be closed for Thanksgiving	

## **ONGOING FREE EVENTS**

Mary E. Bartlett Library

## **NEEDLE ARTS GROUP**

Meet every Tuesday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

### **BRENTWOOD BOOKERS**

### **NEW DATE AND TIME:**

The discussion group will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. November 18

Brentwood Recreation Center

## YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am

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